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1. JAPANESE EMBASSY COUNSELOR MURATA CALLED AT DEPT (NEA/ ARN) APRIL 13 TO CONVEY FOREIGN MINISTRY' S REPLY TO DEPARTMENT' S APPROACH RE AID TO JORDAN REPORTED REFTEL.

2. MURATA SAID HE WAS INSTRUCTED SAY IT IS NOT JAPANESE POLICY TO GIVE AID AND ASSISTANCE TO ONLY RADICAL MIDDLE EAST STATES. JAPAN WISHES TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO HELP MODERATE ARAB STATES AS WELL. AT SAME TIME, IN ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS OR SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, JAPANESE GOVERNMENT CANNOT MOVE SERIOUSLY TOWARD PROVIDING AID TO JORDAN. MURATA SAID JAPAN PREFERS AS FIRST STEP TO ATTEMPT PROMOTE AND INTENSIFY BILATERAL RELATIONS.
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DEPTOFF ASKED IF THIS MEANT JAPAN CONTEMPLATING OPENING EMBASSY IN AMMAN- MURATA SAID HE ASSUMED SO BUT COULD NOT SAY HOW SOON THIS MIGHT COME AND PERSONALLY DOUBTED FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD GIVE HIGH FUNDING PRIORITY TO ESTABLISHMENT OF EMBASSY IN AMMAN. DEPTOFF SAID DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS SEEMED LOGICAL FIRST STEP, AND HE DID NOT READ JAPANESE RESPONSE AS NEGATIVE.

3. MURATA OBSERVED THAT EXCEPT FOR OIL MIDDLE EAST SEEMS REMOTE TO MOST JAPANESE, AND JORDAN IS LESS WELL KNOWN IN JAPAN THAN OTHER ARAB STATES. MURATA SAID MECHANISM FOR JAPANESE AID IS CUMBERSOME AND REQUIRES CONSENSUS OF SEVERAL DIFFERENT MINISTRIES. EMPHASIZING HE WAS SPEAKING ENTIRELY ON PERSONAL BASIS, MURATA SUGGESTED THAT BEST WAY TO BEGIN WOULD BE FOR JORDAN TO DISPATCH A HIGH- LEVEL DELEGATION WITH CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR JAPANESE STUDY. INTERVIEWS AT LEVEL OF PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER COULD START AID MECHANISM WHICH EVEN THEN, HOWEVER, WOULD WORK SLOWLY.

4. COMMENT. THOUGH MURATA STOPPED SHORT OF OPENLY SUGGESTING IT, CLEAR IMPLICATION OF HIS REMARKS WAS THAT GOJ INITIATIVE TO OPEN EMBASSY IN TOKYO WOULD SPEED PROCESS OF ACQUAINTING JAPANESE WITH JORDAN AND THUS PAVE WAY FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE JAPANESE ASSISTANCE. ROGERS

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